Community Development Commission

February 3, 2005

To:

Each Supervisor

From:

Carlos Jackson, Executive Director

SUBJECT: HOUSING AUTHORITY AWARDED HOMELESS FUNDING

On January 25, 2005, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Alphonso Jackson, along with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (at People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) Center in Los Angeles), announced \$1.4 billion in funding to help homeless families and individuals. California will receive more than \$228 million of these funds. I am pleased to announce that the Los Angeles County Housing Authority (Housing Authority) will receive more than \$6.45 million in funding for rental assistance for 171 families under the Shelter Plus Care program.

In July of 2004, the Housing Authority applied for funding for 105 new rental assistance units and renewal of 66 units, for a total of 171 units, which were all awarded by HUD. As you will recall, the Shelter Plus Care program provides grants for rental assistance for homeless persons with disabilities. The Housing Authority partners with organizations, including non-profits and County departments, who provide supportive services to these families, funded from sources from outside the Shelter Plus Care program.

The Housing Authority will be partnering with the following organizations in administration of the grants: Pacific Clinics; County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health; South Central Health and Rehabilitation Program; Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers/Special Service for Groups; Southern California Alcohol and Drug Program; New Directions, Inc.; and the Mental Health Association of Los Angeles County.

This additional funding will help us meet the needs of the County's disabled homeless population. If you should have any questions or would like additional information on any of these grants, please contact me at (323) 890-7400 or have your staff contact Becky Craigo, Director of the Assisted Housing Division, at (562) 347-4663, extension 8611.

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